
CITY OF NEW GERMANY, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on April 19, 2022 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those presents were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke and Kevin Grove. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Jeff Horton.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: There were no additional comments from the audience.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Jaeger moved and Mielke seconded approval of Agenda. The motion carried. 5/0.**

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: **Jaeger moved and Grove seconded approval of the April 5, 2022, minutes. The motion carried. 5/0**

E. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Council reviewed Franchise agreement for cable TV; send to the attorney.

2. Council reviewed the current liquor ordinance and decided a workshop is needed. **Grove moved and Jaeger seconded approving a workshop on May 10, 7 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

3. Resolution 2022-07 Tax Forfeited parcels, 11 non lake lots at Trophy Lakes, 1 lot on Camden Avenue S; Council will decline the purchase option for the lots. **Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2022-07. The motion carried. 5/0**

4. Council discussed the purchase of a 2022 Ford F 450, gas truck, Boss V plow, stainless steel dump with electric sander, Kevin noted that ordering one through state pricing is out until 2023-2024, prices do not seem like they will be decreasing, long term Kevin thinks it is best for the city to go new, this truck is turn key and ready to work. Council continued discussion on size of truck that is needed for the city streets; plowing, sanding, and parks. Council vote for the purchase of the truck – Van Lith-yes, Jaeger-yes, Turnquist-no, Mielke-yes, Grove-yes. Turnquist had concerns on depleting the public works budget for the purchase.

5. Resolution 2021-19 ARPA funds to be invested- **Mielke moved and Jaeger seconded to rescind Resolution 2021-19. The motion carried 4/1. Van Lith-yes, Jaeger-yes, Turnquist – nay, Mielke-yes, Grove-yes.**

Resolution 2022-08 A Resolution Approving the Investing of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) Received from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. **Grove moved and Jaeger seconded approving Resolution 2022-08, ARPA funds to be placed in the Public Works Equipment fund, to be used towards a PW truck purchase. The motion carried. 4/1 Van Lith-yes, Jaeger-yes, Turnquist-nay, Mielke-yes, Grove-yes.**

6. Resolution 2022-09 Authorizing Approval of Staff to Purchase a 2022 Ford F 450 with plowing equipment from Monroe Commercial Truck/Kunes Ford at the cost of \$ 107,511.24, includes 2022 Ford F 450, gas truck, with Stainless Steel Dump box, Electric Sander, and V Boss Plow Equipment. **Grove moved and Mielke seconded Resolution 2022-09. The motion carried. 4/1 Van Lith-yes, Jaeger-yes, Turnquist-nay, Mielke-yes, Grove-yes.**

Public Works will sell the 1994 Ford F350 with equipment, keep the payloader for the first year.

F. SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Hendricks is still on light duty; coverage is being supplied by several different officers, fulfilling the contact hours.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Training last night. 2023 Camden Township Fire coverage contract has been executed.

H. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the CTAS fund balance was \$1,932,719.03, which includes the Investment fund balance. **Turnquist moved and Grove seconded approval of the Treasure report. The motion carried. 5/0**

- I. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: **Turnquist moved and Grove seconded approving claims in the amount of \$28,064.50. Th motion carried. 5/0**
- J. WATER SEWER REPORT: People Service first quarter report was available for review.
- K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: No permits.
- L. COMPLAINT LOG: No complaints.
- M. PW REPORT: Schedule Street sweeping when weather permits.
- N. PARKS REPORT: Eric Roepke was present to discuss the light pole options for the Baseball Park; fundraising would be used for the light poles. Set up a public hearing for residents within 350 feet, publish in the newspaper. Council and Eric continued discussion on the light pole options. Easter Bunny attendance was not as strong as last year; gave out 76 bags this year, last year ran out of treat bags, did not advertise on social media this year.
- O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing additional.
- P. CLERKS REPORT: Ehlers continuing Disclosure and Arbitrage fees will be increasing January 1, 2023. Carver County Commissioners have approved the CAB; Carver County Safety Communication Advisory Board.
Asst Chief Goede and myself met with Officer Berry and Susan Bowler from Carver County dispatch to review the protocol for dispatching New Germany Fire Department; will be all calls going forward. Easement issue – reviewing a survey for a fence permit, it was discovered the city does not have a documented easement for the city's storm pipe on a resident's property; attorney is advising a prescriptive easement (over 15 years the pipe has been in ground and city is maintaining). Attorney will draft documents for prescriptive easement.
- Q. OLD BUSINESS: Nothing additional.
- R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing additional.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: **Grove moved and Mielke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. The motion carried. 5/0**

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk